

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 8 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, the specification, Figures 12-13 and claim 4 have each been amended to correct minor informalities. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Quayle Action dated December 8, 2004.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication in item 5 of the Office Action that claims 1-3 and 7-8 are allowable. In addition, Applicant also gratefully acknowledges the indication in item 6 of the Office Action that claims 4-6 would be allowable once amended to correct a minor informality.

Drawings:

In item 1 of the Action, the Examiner asserts that Figs. 12-13 should be designated as "Prior Art". Accordingly, each of Figs. 12 and 13 has been amended to include "Prior Art" in the legend, as suggested by the Examiner. As such, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Specification:

In item 2 of the Action, the specification stands objected to due to a minor informality. However, the specification has been amended to overcome this objection. In addition, Applicant submits that the entire specification has been reviewed for grammatical errors as

suggested in item 3 of the Action. As such, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections:

Claims 4-6 stand objected to in item 4 of the Action due to a minor informality. However, claim 4 has been amended to correct such informality. As such, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicant submits that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicant requests such action at an early date.

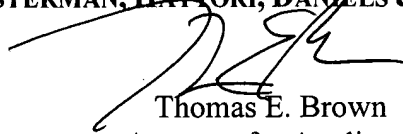
If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.116
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Two (2) Replacement Drawing Sheets for amended Figs. 12 and 13.